

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An application ~~for providing access to media files on a digital device, the application~~ comprising a computer readable storage medium having computer-readable program instructions embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

first instructions for generating a media view that segments time into time units; and
second instructions for generating a topographic view that graphically represents media file quantity in relation to the time units presented in the media view, wherein the second instructions are configured to generate the topographic view so as to individually represent media file quantity for each of a plurality of different media file types, and wherein the second instructions are further configured to generate the topographic view so as to concurrently display the individual representations of the media file quantity for each of the plurality of different media file types in relation to the same time units.

2. (Original) The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view that graphically represents media file quantity in relation to the time units presented in the media view further defines media file quantity as the number of media files.

3. (Original) The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view that graphically represents media file quantity in relation to the time units presented in the media view further defines media file quantity as the storage volume of media files.

4. (Currently amended) The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view that graphically represents media file quantity in relation to the time units presented in the media view and graphically distinguishes between media files of a chosen media file characteristic in addition to the media file type.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The application of Claim 4, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view that graphically distinguishes between media files of a chosen media file characteristic and the chosen media characteristic is defined in media file metadata.

7. (Original) The application of Claim 4, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view that graphically distinguishes between media files of a chosen media file characteristic further comprises a media file characteristic chosen from the group consisting of media file size, event related to the media file, media file author, media file title and media file keyword.

8. (Original) The application of Claim 1, wherein the first instructions for generating a media view that segments time into time units further comprises time units chosen from the group consisting of minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, decades and centuries.

9. (Original) The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view further includes generating a baseline representation for dividing the graphical representations into more than one portion of the topographic view.

10. (Original) The application of Claim 7, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view that includes generating a baseline representation further includes generating a baseline representation that provides for dividing the graphical representations into more than one portion of the topographic view based on a chosen distinguishing media file characteristic.

11. (Currently amended) The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view further includes instructions for generating a zoom mechanism that provides for a more detailed graphical representation of media files than provided by the topographic view including a graphical representation of the media files in accordance with more

finely divided time units than in the topographic view, wherein the second instructions are configured to concurrently display both at least a portion of the topographic view and the more detailed graphical representation of the media files.

12. (Original) The application of Claim 11, wherein the second instructions for generating a zoom mechanism further provides for the zoom mechanism that provides for a detailed graphical representation of media files and the ability to access the media files via the detailed graphical representation.

13. (Original) The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view further includes instructions for generating a focus mechanism that provides for the media files to be previewed.

14. (Currently amended) The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view further includes instructions for generating lenses for identifying areas within the topographic view that include results of a search of the media files, wherein the second instructions are configured to generate the lenses to have distinct characteristics in order to represent different searches or different amounts of media files that satisfy the search.

15. (Original) The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a topographic view further includes instructions for generating highlighted areas within the topographic view that identify areas of user interest.

16. (Currently amended) ~~A digital device, the device~~ An apparatus comprising:
a processing unit that executes processor and a memory storing computer-readable
program instructions for accessing media files, wherein the memory and the computer-readable
program instructions are configured, with the processor, to cause the apparatus at least to
comprising:

~~first instructions for generating~~ generate a media view that segments time into time units, and

~~second instructions for generating~~ generate a topographic view that graphically represents media file quantity in relation to the time units presented in the media view, wherein the topographic view is generated so as to individually represent media file quantity for each of a plurality of different media file types, and wherein the topographic view is generated so as to concurrently display the individual representations of the media file quantity for each of the plurality of different media file types in relation to the same time units; and
~~a display in communication with the processing unit that presents a combined view of the time bar and topographic view.~~

17. (Currently amended) The ~~digital device~~ apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the ~~processing unit that executes~~ processor is configured to execute computer-readable program instructions for accessing media files, the computer-readable program instructions comprising second instructions for generating a topographic view that graphically represents media file quantity in relation to the time units presented in the media view and graphically distinguishes between media files of a chosen media file characteristic.

Claims 18-27 (Canceled)

28. (New) An apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the memory and the computer-readable program instructions are further configured, with the processor, to cause the apparatus to generate the topographic view so as to graphically represent media file quantity as the storage volume of media files in relation to the time units presented in the media view.

29. (New) An apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the memory and the computer-readable program instructions are further configured, with the processor, to cause the apparatus to:

generate a topographic view that includes a zoom mechanism that provides for a more detailed graphical representation of media files than provided by the topographic view including a graphical representation of the media files in accordance with more finely divided time units than in the topographic view; and

concurrently display both at least a portion of the topographic view and the more detailed graphical representation of the media files.

30. (New) An apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the memory and the computer-readable program instructions are further configured, with the processor, to cause the apparatus to generate a topographic view that includes lenses for identifying areas within the topographic view that include results of a search of the media files, wherein the lenses to have distinct characteristics in order to represent different searches or different amounts of media files that satisfy the search.

31. (New) A method comprising:
generating a media view that segments time into time units; and
generating a topographic view that graphically represents media file quantity in relation to the time units presented in the media view, wherein generating the topographic view comprises individually representing media file quantity for each of a plurality of different media file types and concurrently displaying the individual representations of the media file quantity for each of the plurality of different media file types in relation to the same time units.

32. (New) A method of Claim 31, wherein generating a topographic view comprises graphically representing media file quantity as the storage volume of media files in relation to the time units presented in the media view.

33. (New) A method of Claim 31, wherein generating a topographic view comprises generating a zoom mechanism that provides for a more detailed graphical representation of media files than provided by the topographic view including a graphical representation of the media files in accordance with more finely divided time units than in the topographic view, and wherein the

method further comprises concurrently displaying both at least a portion of the topographic view and the more detailed graphical representation of the media files.

34. (New) A method of Claim 31, wherein generating a topographic view comprises generating lenses for identifying areas within the topographic view that include results of a search of the media files, and wherein generating the lenses comprises generating the lenses to have distinct characteristics in order to represent different searches or different amounts of media files that satisfy the search.